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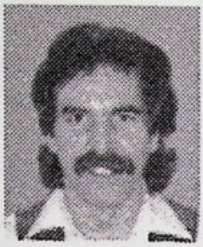

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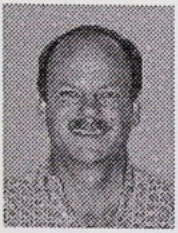

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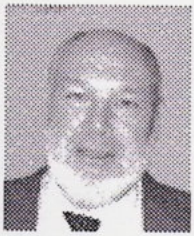

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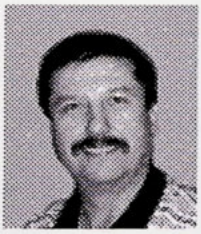

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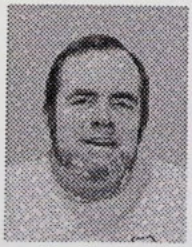

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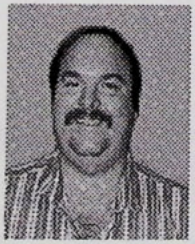

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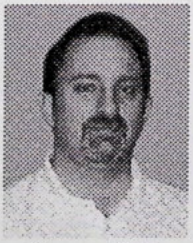

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OUR COVER PICTURE

We have another coin with a North Carolina connection. The reverse of the new Jefferson-Buffalo nickel was designed by Jamie Franki of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Jamie says that in contrast to the earlier design by James E. Fraser, his design came not from a single model but from a composite of several views of different individual animals. Photo courtesy of United States Mint.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello to all :

As I sit and write this it is mid-Summer and Hot ! I hope you all have had a great Summer and even a vacation or two. As for me a Summer vacation is a "Coin Show" near a beach, this year it was the "Clearwater, Fla. Coin Club" show which is only three miles from the Clearwater Beach. I even had a little time to visit family while I was down in Florida, and we didn't even have any Hurricanes while there !

By the time you are reading this the annual Hickory NCNA Coin Show will be shortly upon us. I am hoping to see many of you there at this great show. This year it gets even better, The ANA is going to be providing the NCNA a Grading Seminar, over two days, Friday and Saturday, so you may be able to attend this wonderful Seminar while attending our show and not having to go to Colorado Springs, Colorado. This is a great savings in itself as the flight there is pretty expensive. The ANA's Grading Seminar will fill up fast, so don't wait. Please try to take advantage of this opportunity and sign up soon. I've done this twice and it's well worth the cost ! Enjoy it if you can make this year's show, you won't be disappointed.

Now on to a few other things. We are trying to work more closely with the local North Carolina clubs and to attempt to bring in more members to local clubs by providing each club, who wants them, pamphlets advertising the club along with the benefits in belonging to the club and with belonging to the NCNA, it will surely benefit everyone. If you don' t already have a pamphlet for your club and are interested, see any NCNA Board Member, we are ready and willing to work with you on this project. We also have many Board Members, who speak, and would be willing to travel to YOUR Club to put on a presentation for your club. Ask anyone of us and if possible we can arrange a speaker for almost any topic.

Last but not least, the "upcoming" Board Elections are nearing, and we have quite a few candidates running for seats on the NCNA Board. First of all a big Thank-you to those who have served the past few years, I am sure many of you will be back again, and I am also looking forward to running again with any new members who are elected and as always I will do whatever it takes to make the NCNA better for all the membership. We are here to serve you ... for without you there would be no need for the NCNA or any board members. You need us and we need you, and that is how it should always be.

Thank-you for allowing me to have served as this term's President and I hope to continue to serve you well in the upcoming 2006 term and to continue to finish the things I have started and to conclude my term in the next year having left the NCNA President's office better that I had found it .

Barry Ciociola NOTGELD@aol.com

SCHEDULE

47th Annual Coin Show and Convention
NORTH CAROLINA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

Hickory Metro Convention Center
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Thursday, September 29, 2005	
Set up by Dealers & Exhibitors	5 PM
Bourse floor closes	9 PM
Friday, September 30, 2005	
Bourse Floor open to Dealers & Exhibitors	8 AM
ANA Seminar (registration required)	8 AM
Show opens to public	10 AM
Bourse floor closes	6 PM
Saturday, October 1, 2005	
Bourse floor open to Dealers	8 AM
ANA Seminar, session 2	8 AM
Show opens to public	10 AM
Award Banquet	6:30 PM

Jamie Franki, the designer of the new buffalo nickel, will autograph prints of his design during this day.

Sunday, October 2, 2005	
Bourse floor open to Dealers	9 AM
Show opens to public	10 AM
Show closes	3 PM

CANDIDATES FOR 2006 NCNA OFFICES

The following are brief biographies of persons nominated for officers and directors of the North Carolina Numismatic Association. Ballots will arrive in the mail by mid-September.

For **President**

Barry Ciociola, Durham is currently President of NCNA. He is a member of ANA, NCNA, FUN, MSNA, VNA, GNA, BRNA, CSNS, SPMC, PAN, GSNA, and TSNS. He has been a dealer since 1974 doing business as Large and Small Currency of America, and he runs the Heart of Carolina Coin Shows.

For 1st Vice President

David Boitnott, Apex, has been active in North Carolina Numismatics since the mid 80s. He is a life member of the NCNA, ANA and SPMC. He is active in the Raleigh Coin Club and the Apex-Cary Coin Club. He serves as webmaster for the NCNA as well as the Raleigh Coin Club and the Medal Collectors ofAmerica. He also has two numismatic websites of his own www.coins-n-medals.com and www.inauguralmedals.com. He has spoken at local,regional and ANA shows. He has placed winning exhibits at all levels including a Best of Show at the recent spring ANA in Charlotte. He writes for several numismatic organization's publications including the NCNA Journal. He'll collect pretty much anything but tries to focus on North Carolina related, inaugural medals and error coins

For **2nd Vice President**

Will Camp, FisherSville VA, has been a dealer for thirty years and a member of NCNA since the 1970's. He has been President of the Salem and Shenandoah Valley Coin Clubs. He is a member of ANA, BRNA, TAMS and has been Bourse Chairman for VNA. A graduate of Virginia Tech, he has three children Angie, Jeremy, and Tom.

For **Treasurer**

Gary Duskie, Mooresville. President and bourse chairman of the Lake Norman Coin Club. Operates Lake Norman Coins. Currently is Treasurer of NCNA and advertising manager for the NCNA Journal.

For **Secretary**

Halbert Carmichael, Raleigh. Past president of Raleigh Coin Club and NCNA. Current bourse chairman for NCNA and former bourse chairman for Raleigh Coin Club. Currently secretary and editor of the NCNA Journal.

For **Director** (three are to be elected)

Bill Brewer, Statesville: President and Bourse Chairman for Iredell-Statesville Coin Club. District Representative for ANA. Registration Chairman for 2003 ANA and for NCNA. Currently 1st Vice Pres of NCNA.

Brad Ciociola, Durham, is a Junior at East Carolina University. He has been collecting for sixteen years. He attended the ANA Summer Seminar in 1999 on an NCNA Scholarship and returned for the 2001 Seminar. He has worked at the NCNA's YN program since 1998. He is a member of ANA, GNA and VNA.. He is currently a director of NCNA.

Barry Cohen, Greensboro: Has been a collector for 51 years. A Viet Nam vet he had a career in law enforcement. Early organizer of Gold Coast Coin Convention. Ran Piedmont Triad Coin Shows for 14 years. A merit badge counselor for Boy Scouts. Now owns Cotton Mill Collectibles

Larry Cotten, Banner Elk: Operates Elk River Numismatics specializing in paper money. Winner of the 2004 Hendrick Award as Coin Dealer of the Year.

Gregory Field, Charlotte. Has been a Charlotte Coin Club officer since 1999 and was Assistant General Chairman for the2003 ANA Convention in Charlotte working closely with the CCC and NCNA. His primary responsibilities for NCNA have been in working as a liaison with the ANA to provide NCNA members with more services from our national organization and in attempting to have the ANA convention return to North Carolina. His primary collecting interests are Colonial and Early American coins and currency. Gregory is completing his first year as an NCNA Board Member.

Ken Sipe, Maiden: Member ANA, NCNA, Lake Norman and Statesville-Iredell Coin Clubs. Librarian for Lake Norman and Governor for Statesville-Iredell. Has worked registration on the last three NCNA Conventions in Hickory.

John Yancho, Zebulon, has been a collector since 1954 specializing in Hobo Nickels. Member ANA, BRNA, NCNA and Old Hobo Nickel Society. Operates Raleigh Rare Coins.

Wanted a Few Oddball North Carolinians

Eye Catchers – Quite Striking!

By David W. Boitnott

Last time, as we worked our way through the error collector's PDS classification system we reviewed die manufacturing process and the errors that could occur. Although hours of enjoyment can be had by those who enjoy the search, the fact that die errors don't scream – "Look at me!" – prevents me from being an avid collector. I prefer my errors a little more "striking" which brings us to our final letter – "S" – which of course stands for striking. In fact, it was an off-center Lincoln Cent that first hooked me and got me started collecting errors.

All errors that occur during the striking process are lumped into this category – and there are many. Plus, there are differing opinions on what should be included among striking errors. Alan Herbert, in his book *Official Guide to Mint Errors*, lists all of the coins we looked at during our overview of planchet errors as striking errors. The typical listing goes something like "North Carolina quarter struck on a curved clip planchet." His book only lists unstruck examples of the planchet errors we covered as true planchet errors. On the other hand, the ANA, in their correspondence course, lists them basically by which error came first. The planchet defect happened prior to striking (at least we hope or else we have a forgery on our hands!) thus it is classified as a planchet error. I subscribe to the ANA method.

Still, there are many errors that fit into this category. I have found it easier to explain how each came to be by further dividing this category into three smaller ones – weakly struck, out of collar, and multi-struck – each of which will be covered in turn. But before we get too far into the coins themselves, I believe, as with the previous classifications we've discussed, it is important to understand how the process is supposed to work when all goes as planned. So, to get a better understanding of how the design is struck into the coin, follow along on the three-dimensional cutaway pictured as we walk through the steps.

Let's begin just after a coin has been struck. The ejection cam rotates raising the anvil (obverse) die. The feeder then starts to push the freshly struck coin off to the right. At the same time a planchet in the second hole of the feeder is being brought to the striking position. As the cam continues to rotate the anvil die goes back down allowing this planchet to drop into the collar. The planchet is now in the striking chamber. With the anvil die now fully down the cam continues its cycle as the feeder is retracted. Once the feeder has cleared, the ram holding the hammer (reverse) die begins its downward stroke, under tremendous pressure, striking up the coin. As the

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28-30	SCNA, Embassy Suites, 670 Verdal Blvd., Greenville SC, Amanda Sheheen, nooniebubba@charter.net, (803) 713-9230
29	Iredell-Statesville Coin Club, Statesville Civic Center, Statesvlle NC, Bill Brewer, PO Box 5854, Statesville NC 28687

NOV	**2005**
5-6	Cape Fear Coin Club, Fayetteville NC, Mickey Smith, (910) 497-5445
12-13	Carolina Coin & Stamp Shows, Holshouser Bldg., State Fairgrounds, Raleigh NC, Dot Hendrick
19	Lake Norman Coin Club, National Guard Armory, Mooresville NC, Gary Duskie, PO Box 3781, Mooresville NC 28117

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3-4	Cape Fear Coin Club, Fayetteville NC, Mickey Smith, (910) 497-5445
10-11	Rowan County Coin Club, Salisbury Civic Center, Salisbury NC, Dick Sattazahn, (704) 209-3034
17	Sanford NC, Charles Gray (704) 209-3034

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21-22	Carolina Coin & Stamp Shows, Holtshouser Bldg, NC State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, Dot Hendrick
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12-13	Charlotte Coin Club, Merchandise Mart, Charlotte NC, Jerry Sajbel, jsajbel@comporium.net
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11-12	Carolina Coin & Stamp Shows, Holshouser Bldg, State Fairgrounds, Raleigh NC, Dot Hendrick
JUN	**2006**
2-4	Carolina Coin & Stamp Shows, Merchandise Mart, Charlotte NC, Dot Hendrick
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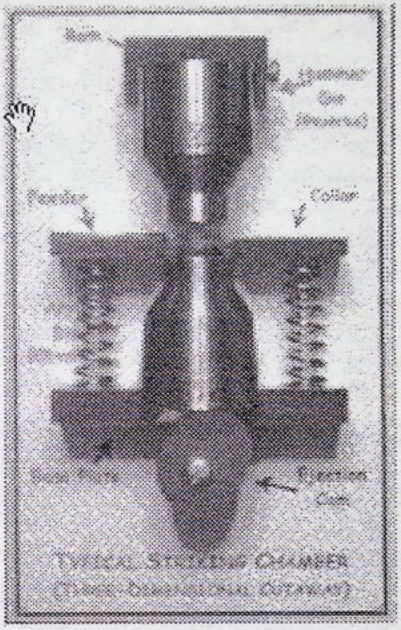

Other parts of the striking mechanism include the base plate which is rigid and supports the anvil (obverse) die while the coin is being struck. The anvil die itself is free to move up and down in its recess in the base plate, but is keyed so it can not rotate. Conversely, the hammer (reverse) die is locked in the ram and can not move independent of the ram. It is here that the technician adjusts the alignment between the dies.

The last part of the striking mechanism shown is the floating collar or "third die." It is the collar that keeps the planchet in place as it is struck; this impresses the reeding on the coin's edge as the planchet expands. The

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collar is designed to float to protect the dies should a planchet fail to properly fall into the striking chamber.

As stated above the die alignment is adjusted by the technician at the hammer or reverse die. Alignment is important in that the tolerances between the feeder fingers, the collar and the die are quite small such that too much initial offset could result in damage to any of the above. To avoid this, the technician runs trial strikes at reduced pressure to test his adjustments. The resultant coins are very weakly struck and are gathered up afterwards to be destroyed. Although intentionally made, any that escape the mint are considered errors and are called a "Die Adjustment Strike." Shown here are two different examples – one showing approximately 40% detail and the second showing about 70% detail. The key diagnostic in identifying these is that there is equal weakness on all three sides – the reverse, the obverse and reeded edge. The Mint technicians are very careful to prevent these from escaping the Mint; however, occasionally one will find its way out. To date I have noted six of these in my unofficial census.

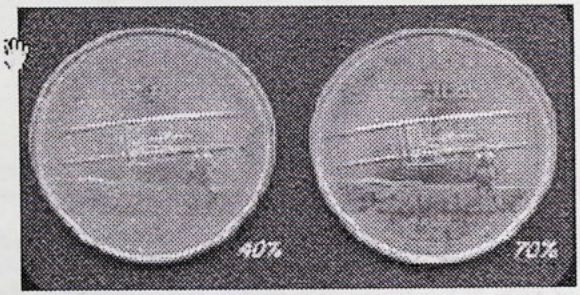

Figure 1. Die Adjustment Strikes

A minor error related to the alignment process is known as a MAD or Mis-Aligned Die. It is the result of a small misalignment of the hammer die where the centering of the reverse is off a small percentage (usually less than 2%) when compared to the obverse. These carry little or no premium over face value and I haven't even bothered to look for one on a North Carolina quarter. I only mention it here so that as you sort through your bags of quarters looking for those die cracks you'll have something else for which to hunt.

The next major error of interest looks, at first glance, to be very much like the Die Adjustment Strike and is called a "Struck Through" error. "Struck Through" errors can be due to any number of foreign objects entering the striking chamber, but are most commonly caused by grease. The diagnostics of this error is that the weakness is uneven and many times

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affects only one side of the coin. Furthermore, the reeding on these coins tends to be extremely sharp and well defined due to the increased pressure resulting from the hydraulic nature of the grease. The surface of the coin where the grease was also has a kind of hazy look which hopefully shows in the Figure 2. These are more common than Die Adjustment Strike errors; my unofficial census count has noted fifteen of these pieces.

Figure 2. Struck Through Error - Grease

As mentioned above "Struck Trough" is a catch all phrase for any number of foreign material possibilities. Although I have not found any on North Carolina quarters yet, be on the lookout for any that appear to have been struck through cloth, struck through thread or struck through a bristle from a cleaning brush. I did have one fortuitous find on a North Carolina quarter I purchased as an example of another error that will be discussed in a later installment. As I was examining the coin I noticed a small piece of what appears to be aluminum struck into the surface of the coin and is shown circled in Figure 3. I theorize that this is most likely a piece of an aluminum feeder finger that came in contact with the dies at some point and broke off.

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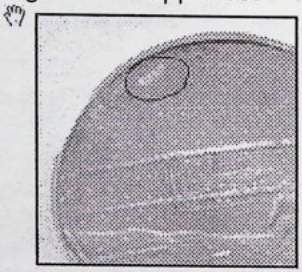

Figure 3. Struck Through Error - Metal

Well, that concludes our introduction to the striking process and brief look at impaired strike North Carolina quarter errors. Now, as you waste away the hours faithfully searching through your bags of statehood quarters, you have some more "oddballs" to keep an eye out for!

Next time we will look at some "out-of-this-world" out of collar and multi-struck North Carolina quarters..

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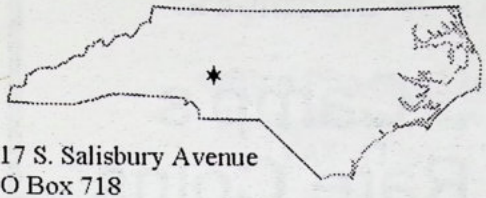

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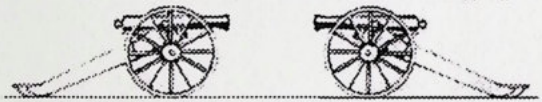

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